



## *Through the Consuming Fire:* **ECONOMIC FAITHFULNESS IN AN AGE OF CONSUMERISM** **COMMUNITY • CONTENTMENT • CREATIVITY**

Consumerism is one of the greatest challenges facing the church in North America today. Ultimately, consumerism is a form of self-indulgence that does great harm to our brothers and sisters around the world and indeed to all of Creation. At the *Through the Consuming Fire* conference, we will explore what economic faithfulness would look like – particularly as shaped by denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Jesus. Specifically, we will examine three themes that when taken together will give us a good start on the journey toward economic faithfulness: community, contentment and creativity. In community, we learn to prefer others to ourselves, to bear one another's burdens and to be a local culture with its own economy. In contentment, we learn to trust in God's super-abundant provision and to find joy in what we have and thus we nurture gratitude, and become able to resist consumerism's constant longing for more. In creativity, we learn to become producers instead of consumers, to fix and re-use things instead of disposing of them, to find ways of celebrating that revel in the gifts of persons, rather than in those of stuff. With an eye toward the coming Advent season, and beyond, let's gather to discuss these things that we might grow in the economic faithfulness and freedom to which we have been called through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### **Main Speakers:**



- Shane Claiborne – Author of *The Irresistible Revolution*  
Will Samson – Author of *Enough: Contentment in an Age of Excess*  
Kelly Johnson – Author of *Fear of Beggars: Stewardship and Poverty in Christian Ethics*

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Friday Nov. 13 and Saturday Nov. 14  
Englewood Christian Church  
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## Registration

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hospitality Needs:

#### Housing:

- I am willing to sleep on the floor of the church building (we have showers)  
 I am interested in the POSSIBILITY of housing with a family from a local church  
(we will be in touch this summer to work this out...)  
 I will not need housing during the conference

#### Airport Transportation:

- I will need a ride to and from the airport  
 I will not need a ride to and from the airport

#### Meals:

- I would prefer non-vegetarian meals  
 I would prefer vegetarian meals  
 Other special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prep Materials:

In preparation for this gathering, we are suggesting that participants read (or re-read) the following two books. If you don't already have copies we would be glad to send them to you. **NOTE: The purchase of these books is not included in the price of the conference and the price for any of these books that you want should be added to the cost of the conference listed below. Thanks!**

- Enough: Contentment in an Age of Excess* by Will Samson (\$13 including shipping)  
 *Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire* by William Cavanaugh (\$12 including shipping)  
 Order both books and SAVE! (\$24 including shipping)

### Payment:

COST: Includes materials, meals, and housing (if needed)  
Registration fees are refundable (minus a \$15 administrative fee) BEFORE OCT 1  
 Regular: \$75/person (on/before Oct 1) \$100/person (after Oct 1)  
 Student: \$65/person (on/before Oct 1) \$90/person (after Oct 1)  
School \_\_\_\_\_

### Form of Payment:

- Email me with instructions for making an online credit card payment (\$5 processing fee)  
 I will be sending a check or money order

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